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SUBJ: PROSPECTS FOR US PARTICIPATION IN ROMANIAN NUCLEAR
ENERGY PROGRAM

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1. ACCORDING TO ROMANIAN ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICIALS, ROMANIA HAS NOT YET MADE ANY FIRM COMMITMENTS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS EXCEPT FOR INITIAL SOVIET VVER 440 MEGAWATT REACTOR TO BE INSTALLED NEAR SLATINA. ROMANIANS LEAN TOWARD HEAVY WATER REACTORS BECAUSE THESE OZNOATE DEPENDENCE ON EXTERNAL SOURCES OF ENRICHED URANIUM, BUT ALL POSSIBILITIES BEING EXPLORED AND ROMANIAN OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THEY MAY NOT LIMIT THEMSELVES TO ONLY ONE TYIQ. POSSIBILITIES OF US PARTICIPATION WILL OF COURSE DEPEND ON TECHNOLOGY ADOPTED AND ARE PROBABLY BETTER FOR SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY THAN ENGINEERING/DESIGN. HOWEVER, ONE SPECIFIC ENGINEERING PROBLEM ROMANIANS ARE INVESTIGATING IS WHETHER LIQUID-GAS-COOLED REACTORS, IN WHICH ROMANIA HAS SHOWN INTEREST, COULD BE ADAPTED TO SERVE AS SOURCE OF INDUSTRIAL HEAT AS WELL AS ELECTRICITY.

2. NELU VASILESCU, DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT IN ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY, IS SCHEDULED TO
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PARTICIPATE IN MULTI-REGIONAL ENERGY PROJECT IN US JULY 13-

AUGUST 11. VASILESCU IS SPECIALIST ON NUCLEAR DESIGN PROBLEMS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING ENGINEERING FIRM MENTIONED REF A, OR OTHERS, IN TOUCH WITH HIM DURING US STAY.

3. WE ALSO SUGGEST FIRM SEND EMBASSY ECON SECTION AT LEAST THREE SETS OF COMPANY BORDURES DESCRIBING CAPABILITIES IN NUCLEAR FIELD FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ROMANIAN AGENCIES.
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